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2000 National Night Out



Come out and support National Night Out with Rockville on Tuesday, Aug. 1, from 6 to 10 p.m. Turn on your outside lights, lock your door, and spend an evening outside with neighbors and police as a stand of solidarity against crime.

National Night Out, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and the City's Police Department, is designed to heighten awareness about preventing crime and drug abuse, generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relations, and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. For more information, call Cpl. David Van Steelant at 301-309-3112.

Rockville Implements Customer Service Standards

Nationally known for its level of customer service, Rockville has now taken customer service one step further by developing a set of standards for all employees to follow.

"All of us who work for the City can take pride in the fact that our customer service standards set the performance bar at a very high level, and that residents can be assured of courteous, prompt, and professional treatment," said City Manager Mark Pentz.

Last year, an employee taskforce, made up of representatives from each department, gathered to develop customer service standards that would be specific, measurable, and reasonable. After six months, they finalized the standards, which were adopted by Pentz earlier this year.

The development of these standards was less the creation of something new, but more the articulation of the principles and standards the City already embraces.

Some of the standards include:

- Answering a call promptly and in a courteous manner (with a smile).
- Answering messages within 24 hours.
- Starting and ending meetings on time.
- Responding appropriately and timely to identified problems at City facilities.
- Providing helpful, knowledgeable, and accurate information.

"Customer service is every City employee's responsibility, not just those who staff an information desk," said Acting Deputy City Manager Michelle Beadle.

"Every time we interact with an individual, answer the phone, send an e-mail, write a letter, or attend a meeting, we are making an impression on our customers."

Once adopted, the City introduced these standards to employees. Most employees attended a three-hour session designed to discuss the standards and their importance. It also provided an opportunity to discuss the benefits of the standards and the challenges related to them. All new employees will be introduced to the standards as part of their orientation program. Also, selected employees attended an additional full day of advanced customer service skills training.

"This isn't the end of the training," explained Beadle. "We will continue to provide opportunities for employees to learn more so that everyone understands the value of good customer service."

The standards will serve as an internal tool for the City. Employees will be accountable for meeting the standards, which will be part of their performance evaluation.

"We felt that if we didn't define what we believe good customer service to be that we couldn't measure it and work to offer an even higher level," said Beadle.

Copies of Rockville's Customer Service Standards are available at City Hall or by visiting the City's Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us.

CALL 301-309-3304 FOR MORE INFO

Affordable Housing Offered in Rockville

It's hard not to notice the new growth at the King Farm. It seems that new houses and office buildings are appearing daily. What City residents may not know, however, is that a portion of the residential units are set aside for persons of moderate incomes.

These units are being offered through the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) program. This program requires developers to provide a portion of their residential units at costs that are affordable to individuals earning moderate incomes. To date, developers of the King Farm, Rose Hill, and Falls Grove have agreed to provide MPDUs in their developments.

So far, six townhouses have been sold and occupied under the program, and approximately 10 rental units at the Jefferson at King Farm have been occupied.

Centergate at King Farm, a luxury rental complex, will have 50 MPDU apartments for rent, and these will be available mid-summer through the fall as the apartment buildings are completed. Rents will range from approximately \$600 to \$950 per month, depending on the unit type and size.

For those who prefer to purchase a home, more units will become available this fall, ranging from condominiums to piggyback units. Sales prices for the units will range from \$80,000 to \$120,000.

To qualify for the program, a single person must earn between \$20,000 and \$32,000 annually. For a family, the maximum income permitted under the program is \$49,000 for a family of five persons. To rent or purchase an MPDU, interested parties must have a good credit rating and a steady income. The home also must be affordable for the family's income. Purchasers may not have previously owned a home.

If, based on an income review, an applicant is determined eligible for the program, a Certificate of Eligibility is issued for one year. The names of those who hold such a certificate are given to the builder of the units, who contacts those on the list to see if they are interested in a particular unit. Those who live or work in the City of Rockville are contacted first. All purchases and lease agreements are negotiated between the applicant and the private sales or rental agents.

Several restrictions have been built into the MPDU program to ensure that houses are affordable to future owners. For rental units, it is required that they must remain as MPDUs for a control period of 20 years. For purchased units, the house must be the primary residence of the owner and

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Calendar of Events

City Events

1 Brown Bag Concert; 12:30 p.m.; Courthouse Square Park; Ewabo (Caribbean); Free

2 Family Arts Night; 7:30 p.m.; Courthouse Square Park (rain site: Twinbrook Community Recreation Center); Johnny and the Headhunters (electric, house-party blues); Free

2,5,9,12,16,19,23,26,30

Farmers' Market; Middle Lane parking lot; 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesdays; 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays

3 Kids, Parks, Performing Arts; 7:30 p.m.; Montrose Park (rain site: Glenview Mansion); Mime, Music, and More – A Fool Named "O"; Free

4 Dance Away the Blues; 8 p.m.; Senior Center; Square dancing with Steve and Viia Lucius; \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door

5 Rockville Civic Ballet; 7:30 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; As You Like It; \$7 general admission, \$5 seniors/children; 301-309-3340

6 Rockville Civic Ballet; 2:30 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; As You Like It; \$7 general admission, \$5 seniors/children; 301-309-3340

6 Glenview Mansion Art Exhibit Opening; 1-4
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p.m.; Fiber art quilts; Artist talk, Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m.; Guided gallery tour, Aug. 18, 10 a.m.; Call 301-309-3354

6 **Glenview Mansion Concert;** 2 p.m.; Conservatory; CAJE (Caribbean Arts Jazz Ensemble; Free; Call 301-309-3354

8 **Brown Bag Concert;** 12:30 p.m.; Courthouse Square Park; Joe Devlin (60s, 70s, and 80s); Free

10 **Kids, Parks, Performing Arts;** 7:30 p.m.; Potomac Woods Park (rain site: Rockville Senior Center); The Barker of Seville; Free

15 **Brown Bag Concert;** 12:30 p.m.; Courthouse Square Park; Bruce Robinson (jazz); Free

22 **Brown Bag Concert;** 12:30 p.m.; Courthouse Square Park; John Fahres (rock); Free

29 **Brown Bag Concert;** 12:30 p.m.; Courthouse Square Park; Hot Soup (great harmonies); Free

For more information on City events, call the Public Information Office at 301-309-3322. To register for Recreation and Parks' programs, call 301-309-3340.

Imagine Rockville

15 **Town Center Action Team;** 7 p.m.; Red Brick Courthouse, Rm. G05

To join an "Imagine Rockville" Action Team or to find out about meetings, call the hotline at 301-315-6556 or visit the City's Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us.

For Seniors

2 **Birthday Party;** 1:30 p.m.; Activity #8522; Free

2,8,16 **Blood Pressure Screening;** 10 a.m.; Free

8 **Petra – Mysterious Hidden City;** 10:15 a.m.; Activity #8504; Register by July 25; Free

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Spirit of Rockville –

Travel the world without leaving Rockville!

Sunday, September 17 • 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Rockville Civic Center Park
603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, Maryland

Savor the flavor of international tastes. Enjoy several stages of continuous musical entertainment and variety acts. Participate in a myriad of cultures offering unique demonstrations, including games and crafts. Come join family and friends and embrace the many heritages that make Rockville a dynamic community.

For more information call:
301-309-3330

Or visit our Web site at:
www.ci.rockville.md.us

For recorded directions to the park call:
301-309-3007



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may not be rented. The unit must be occupied by the buyer for 10 years. If the owner needs to sell a house during this control period, its resale price is limited.

To have an MPDU application mailed to you, call the City of Rockville's MPDU hotline at 301-315-5792 and leave your name and address. ♦

CALL **301-309-3204** FOR MORE INFO

Full Value Assessments

New legislation has been passed that will change the system of real property assessment to be based on 100 percent of the market value of property instead of 40 percent. The bill makes significant changes to property taxation in Maryland.

Here is some information to help you understand how you will be affected:

- **Will it increase my property taxes?**
No. The bill requires that the real property tax rates of state and local governments be reduced to 40 percent of their current levels. For example, Rockville's property tax rates will go from \$.805 to \$.322 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This will guarantee that the transition to full value assessments will cause no change in property taxes imposed on property owners.
- **Will it now be easier for local governments to raise property taxes?**
No. Each year the State calculates the constant yield tax rate for each local government. This is the tax rate that will gen-

erate equivalent property tax revenues for the next tax year for that local government. State law requires local governments to advertise and hold a public hearing if they wish to set a tax rate above the constant yield level. These protections remain in the new law.

- **When does the bill take effect?**
It will be phased in over the next year. Tax rates will be adopted under the current law for the tax year beginning July 1, 2000. However, all property owners will receive a statement with their tax bills that describes the new, lower tax rates that will be calculated for Oct. 1, 2000. These rates will be 40 percent of the rates in effect for July 1, 2000, and will form the starting point for the constant yield tax rate process for the next year. Local governments will apply the new system for the tax year beginning July 1, 2000.
- **Have any adjustments been made to calculating the Homeowners' Property Tax Credit?**
Yes. The credit currently applies to only the first \$60,000 of assessment. This has been adjusted to \$150,000.
- **Have any adjustments been made to calculating the Homestead Property Tax Credit?**
Yes. A transitional adjustment is made to the credits to convert to full value amounts. Assessment caps for future years will apply as usual to full value assessments.

For more information, visit the State Web site at www.dat.state.md.us. ♦

CALL **301-309-3361** FOR MORE INFO

Smoothseal Continues

Rockville's Asphalt Maintenance program began in July and should be completed in late August or early September.

The Smoothseal program – which involves having the edges of the existing asphalt milled off and a new one-half inch asphalt surface applied – is taking place on: Allview Dr., Balmore Ct., Balmore Dr., Barington Fare, Bent Pine Ct., Blueberry Ridge Ct., Blue Meadow Rd., Bouldercrest Ct., Chancelet Ct., Crestview Ct., Crestview Dr., Crofton Hill Ln., Dairyfield Ct., Dav Rd., Dundee Ct., Dundee Rd., Echo Ct., Edith Dr., Emily Dr., Eton Overlook, Fairwood Ct., Farm Haven Ct., Farm Haven Dr., Farm Pond Ln., Feather Rock Dr., Feather Rock Pl., Glastonberry Rd., Glenora Ln., Glenmore Terr., Great Pines Ct., Green Pasture Dr., Guy Ct., Halifax Ct., Hardwicke Pl., Hastings Circle, Hearthstone Ct., Highwood Rd., Hollyberry Ct., Hurley Ave., Keynes Ln., Leyton Ct., Lily Pond Ct., Lindley Overlook, Lindley Terr., Lodge Ct., Lodge Pl., Longhill Dr., McCormick Ct., McCormick Rd., Monterra Ct., North Commons Way, North Farm Ln., Northrup Ct., Northrup Dr., Olmstead Ct., Pebble Ridge Ct., Richview Ct., Royal Oak Ct., Scott Dr., Scottview Ct., Sherbrooke Way, Sky Ridge Ct., South Fallsmead Way, Starlight Ct., Stonepath Ct., Sunnymead Ct., Sunrise Ct., Sunrise Dr., Westcott Pl., West Kersey Ln., and Windy Knoll Ct.

Signs will be posted in advance and temporary detours may be established. ♦

CALL **301-309-3200** FOR MORE INFO

In Brief

Mosquitos

Because of the warm winter and wet spring, the number of mosquitos will be abundant this summer causing concern of the West Nile Virus.

To help control them, you should remove all stagnant water on your property. Mosquitos lay eggs in gutters, wading pools, rainwater sitting in wheelbarrows or tire swings, puddles caused by dripping faucets or air conditioners, saucers under plants, birdbaths, etc.

Turn over all containers when not using them or drill holes in the bottom so water can run out. Clean your gutters, and change your birdbath water twice a week.

CALL 240-777-1755 FOR MORE INFO

Millennium Signature Books

The City invites citizens, civic organizations, and businesses to stop by City Hall, Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, the Rockville Senior Center, Glenview Mansion, or the Lincoln Park Community Recreation Center to sign the Rockville Millennium Signature Books. Along with your name, you can add your thoughts about what Rockville will be like in 25 years.

These books will be included in the Millennium Time Capsule, which will be buried on Jan. 1, 2001, as the culmination of the Rockville Millennium activities.

CALL 301-309-3330 FOR MORE INFO

Rockville U Fall Session

Learn the inside scoop about Rockville and your City government during the fall 2000 session of Rockville University.

This session will take place from Sept. 14 through Nov. 9. Classes usually take place on Thursday evenings with the addition of three Saturday classes. You must reside in the City of Rockville to participate.

The class is limited to 25 people so register early.

CALL 301-315-5772 FOR MORE INFO

REACH

Real Estate Effort for Affordable Community Housing (REACH), a partnership between Housing Charities Inc. (HCI) and the City of Rockville, is offering assistance to first-time homebuyers who are purchasing a home in the city limits.

The program can provide an interest-free loan of up to \$7,500 to eligible people who have lived or worked in the city for the past three years, never owned a home, and have a household income of less than \$78,900. There are other eligibility requirements that must be met.

CALL 301-309-3242 FOR MORE INFO

Free Paint Program

Rockville's Free Paint program offers eligible homeowners throughout the city free exterior paint. The City covers the cost of the paint, and the owner provides the labor.

There are eligibility guidelines that must be met, and you must provide a complete copy of your 1999 income tax return as verification of household income. Further documentation, with respect to income and assets, also may be required. Sign up runs through Sept. 9.

CALL 301-309-3211 FOR MORE INFO

Farmers' Market

Come out early to get farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, bedding plants, cut flowers, preserves, honey, herbs, baked goods, and more at Rockville's Farmers' Market.

The market is located in the parking lot on Middle Lane, behind Magruder's.

The market's hours are Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CALL 301-309-3335 FOR MORE INFO

Brown Bag Concerts

Enjoy summer with Rockville at the Brown Bag Concerts every Tuesday, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., at Courthouse Square Park. Bring your lunch and enjoy!

See the calendar for August's schedule.

CALL 301-309-3335 FOR MORE INFO

Bingo Moves

Bingo at the Rockville Senior Center is moving to Wednesdays beginning Aug. 23. Early bird games start at 7 p.m., and regular games start at 7:30 p.m. Everyone 18 and older is welcome. There is free food with admission, well-lit parking, and friendly people.

CALL 301-309-3025 FOR MORE INFO

Strengthening Families

Rockville's Strengthening Families program is a free, 16-week program for parents with children between the ages of 7 and 11.

Parents learn how to improve family relations and parenting skills and to increase the good behavior of their children. Children will learn how to: understand their feelings; resist peer pressure; comply with parental rules; handle anger; and deal with criticism.

CALL 301-309-3390 FOR MORE INFO

Bearly Used Sale

On Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon, the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center will host a "Bearly" Used Sale - Children's Flea Market. Items for sale are to be gently used, children-related items.

Sellers are needed. There is a fee of \$10 per 8 foot by 8 foot space, which includes two chairs. There also are tables available for an additional \$5, and they must be reserved when you register.

The deadline to pre-register is Sept. 20. Spaces are limited so register early!

CALL 301-315-5760 FOR MORE INFO

Firewood and Wood Chips

You can get free firewood and wood chips at the City's Public Works facility, 14625 Rothgeb Dr. They are located at the back of the upper lot.


Para Ud.

El Espíritu Cultural De Rockville

Viaje alrededor del mundo sin salir de Rockville en el domingo 17 de Setiembre al mediodía el parque del Centro cívico de Rockville.

Una vez mas la cuidad de Rockville los invita a participar en un evento que involucra a muchos grupos étnicos que conforman nuestra dinámica comunidad.

Para mayor información llama al teléfono 301-309-3300 o búsquenos en el Internet www.ci.rockville.md.us.



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8 Brag Photo Albums; 10 a.m.; Activity #8512; Register by July 31; Free, but \$22 materials fee

9 Summer Salads and Smoothies; 10:30 a.m.; Activity #8505; Register by Aug. 2; \$7 members, \$10 non-member

10 Orthopedic Medicine; 1 p.m.; Free

16 Classical Music Appreciation; 1 p.m.; Activity #8514; Free

17 Simple Estate Planning; 2 p.m.; Free

21 A Lotta Terra Cotta; 1 p.m.; Activity #8510; Register by Aug. 14; \$16 members, \$20 non-members

Activities take place at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., unless noted. For more information, call 301-309-3025. All programs with an activity number require in-person or mail-in registration.

For Teens

5 Teen Club Tubing Trip; 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Grades six-nine; \$27 for Teen Club members, \$33 for non-members; Call 301-309-3345.

21 Teen Club Beach Trip; 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Grades seven-nine; \$35 for Teen Club members, \$42 for non-members; Call 301-309-3345

For more information, call Rockville's Teen Program Coordinator at 301-309-3345.

Rockville Bikeways: Wear a Helmet!

Head injuries cause 75 percent of the deaths from bicycle crashes. However, 88 percent of cyclists' brain injuries can be prevented by wearing a helmet. In fact, helmets are required by law for children younger than 16.

If you need a helmet, the City may be able to help. Send your request to: Bikeway Coordinator, City of Rockville Department of Recreation and Parks, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.



Summer Camp Fun in Rockville

A local teen coaches her campers at Rockville's Multi-Sports and Games Camp at Welsh Park. While at the camp, kids learn the basics of a variety of sports and games including hockey, lacrosse, and t-ball. Each summer, Rockville offers a variety of great camps ranging from Creative Crafts, to Science and Nature, to Basketball. Call Rockville's Recreation and Parks Department at 301-309-3340 for more information.



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August Program Schedule

REGULAR PROGRAMS
Mayor and Council Live
Aug. 7, 7:30 p.m.
General Session

Meeting Replays
Mon., 7:30 p.m.
(if no live meeting)
Sun. and Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Daily, 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sun. and Sat., 9 a.m.

City Hall Report
Daily, 6 a.m., 8 a.m., noon,
6 p.m., and 10 p.m.

**Mayor and Council
Review**
Daily, 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
6:30 p.m., and 10:30 p.m.

Cityline
Daily, 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,
and 12:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 9:30 p.m.

SPECIALS
Kids Online:
Internet Safety
Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.
Daily, 2:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 11 p.m.

Vision Quest
Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m.
Daily, 1:30 p.m.
Mon. and Tues., 11 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 8:30 p.m.

Cityline – Arts Special
Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.
Daily, 2 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 7:30 p.m.

Public Safety Awards
Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.
Daily, 1 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m.

Paving the Way
Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.
Mon., and Tues., 7 a.m.
Wed.-Sat., 7 p.m.

Economic Development
Sun., Mon., and Tues.,
7 p.m. and 11 p.m.
Wed.-Sun., 7 a.m.

Inside City Hall

Meetings, Minutes, etc.

Minutes Highlights

From the June 5, 19, and 26 meetings:
The Mayor and Council

- Appointed: Colleen Johnson (Human Rights Commission); Arthur Farina (Senior Citizens Commission); and Helen Heneghan (Recreation and Park Advisory Board).
- Awarded bid #5-01 to Chesapeake Publishing, of Beltsville, Md., in the amount of \$35,682, for the printing and preparation for mailing of the Recreation and Parks' Seasonal Guides.
- Awarded RFP #69-00 to AB Consultants Inc., of Laurel, Md., in the amount of \$75,000, for requirements contract for providing survey and engineering services for City construction projects.
- Awarded RFP #70-00 to Slater Associates Inc., of Columbia, Md., in the amount of \$50,000, for landscape architecture and engineering services.
- Accepted a text amendment application (TXT2000-0184), Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, applicant.
- Introduced and adopted an ordinance to grant text amendment application (TXT2000-0182), Mayor and Council, applicants, for Ezras Isreal Congregation.
- Introduced and adopted an ordinance to grant text amendment application (TXT2000-0181), Mayor and Council, applicants, for Woodley Gardens Swim Club.
- Discussed and instructed staff regarding zoning ordinance text amendment (TXT1999-0178), Falls Grove Associates Inc., applicant, relating to permitted uses and parking requirements in Comprehensive Planned Developments.
- Adopted a resolution to establish service charge rate for municipal refuse collection.
- Adopted an ordinance to amend section 24-46 of the Rockville City Code entitled "Water Consumption Charge." The amendment increases the rate from \$1.68 to \$1.76 per thousand gallons of consumption, effective July 1, 2000.
- Adopted an ordinance to amend section 24-47 of the Rockville City Code entitled "Sewer Usage Charge." The amendment increases the rate from \$2.99 to \$3.12 per thousand gallons of consumption, effective July 1, 2000.
- Adopted an ordinance to appropriate funds and levy taxes for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001. It sets the operating and capital budgets for FY2001. The proposed property tax rate is 80.5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.
- Adopted an ordinance to amend chapter 23 "traffic" of the Rockville City Code, section 23-26 entitled "Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited in Specified Place," so as to prohibit vehicle parking in designated bicycle lanes.
- Convened a public hearing on street closing and abandonment application SCA2000-0080, Nicholas Koumoutseas, applicant, for abandonment of a portion of a 15-foot wide alley containing approximately 2,0000 square feet of area, located between the properties of 707 and

709 N. Stonestreet Ave. and running the length of those properties. The hearing also covered text amendment (TXT2000-00183), Mayor and Council, applicant, to limit the size of retail establishments to 65,000 square feet of gross floor area and to require compliance with design guidelines for retail stores containing 25,000 to 65,000 square feet of gross floor area and for shopping centers.

- Awarded bid #59-00 to Developmental Concepts Inc., of Indianapolis, Ind., in the amount of \$152,000, for consultant services for the Town Center Master Plan.
- Awarded bid #73-00 to Atlantic Transportation Equipment Ltd., of Beltsville, Md., in the amount of \$99,982, for one 24-passenger, para-transit bus.
- Awarded bid #1-01 to Cylos Inc., of Beltsville, Md., and to Romano Concrete Construction Inc., of Silver Spring, Md., in the amount of \$485,500 each, for concrete maintenance.
- Awarded bid #2-01 to Beltway Paving Co., of Waldorf, Md., in the amount of \$140,000, for milling of various existing asphalt streets.
- Awarded bid #3-01 to Beltway Paving Co., of Waldorf, Md., in the amount of \$639,000, for asphalt rehabilitation of various streets.
- Awarded bid #4-01 to Waste Management of Maryland Inc., of Gaithersburg, Md., in the amount of \$32,155.28, for refuse collection at 20 municipal parks and facilities.
- Awarded bid #7-01 to Chesapeake Publishing, of Beltsville, Md., in the amount of \$21,038.50, for printing of Rockville Reports.
- Awarded bid #8-01 to Percs Traffic Signals Inc., of Mechanicsburg, Penn., in the amount of \$125,000, for traffic signal maintenance and modifications.
- Adopted a resolution to close completed capital projects.

The complete minutes from the Mayor and Council meetings are available from the City Clerk's Office, 111 Maryland Ave., or by calling 301-309-3310.

Mayor & Council Calendar

Aug. 7, 7:30 p.m. General Session

All meetings, unless noted, are in the Mayor and Council Chambers, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

Council meetings are televised live on Rockville Cable 53 (cable-ready 33). Meetings are replayed at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, if there is no live meeting scheduled; Tuesdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m.; daily at 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays at 9 a.m.

Mayor & Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis, in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays when there is

a General Session or a Public Hearing. The front door of City Hall will remain open during this time.

Aug. 7 Glennon Harrison

While Drop-In is on a first-come, first-served basis, visitors are urged to call 301-309-3310 ahead of time so we are better prepared to serve your needs and to verify the meeting schedule.

Vacancies

Board of Supervisors of Elections (one vacancy): This five-member body, appointed by the Mayor and Council, conducts all City elections and voter registration, and keeps records of these functions. Members' terms begin on the first Monday of June and run for four years, until successors are appointed and qualified.

Historic District Commission (one vacancy): A five-member commission, it makes recommendations to the Mayor and Council regarding the boundaries of districts that are of historic or architectural value to the city. Members also review applications for construction, changes, etc. in those districts. Members serve overlapping, three-year terms.

Personnel Appeals Board (one vacancy): This three-member body, in accordance with the requirements of the Personnel Regulations, hears appeals filed by employees of the City of Rockville in cases of dismissal action taken by the City Manager for disciplinary reasons. Meetings are closed to the public unless requested to be open by all employees concerned. Members serve for overlapping four-year terms.

Rockville Sister City Corp. (one vacancy): The Mayor and Council appoint three citizens to the 15-member board of this group which strengthens existing ties with Pinneberg, Germany; encourages the exchange of ideas between the cities; and recommends to the Mayor and Council steps that can be taken to further facilitate the friendship.

If you wish to serve on a citizen's board or commission, call the City Clerk at 301-309-3310 for an Expression of Interest Form or visit the City's Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us

Boards & Commissions Calendar

All meetings are at City Hall, unless otherwise noted. Because of vacation schedules, many boards and commissions will not be meeting in August. Please call the City Clerk's Office at 301-309-3310 to verify the schedule of meetings.

Aug. 9, 7 p.m.
Bicycle Advisory Committee

Aug. 15, 1:30 p.m.
Rockville Seniors Inc., Senior Center

Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Sister City Corp.

Aug. 22, 7:30 p.m.
Traffic and Transportation Commission

Aug. 28, 4 p.m.
Sign Review Board